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1. On 1 May 1940, the shipyard at Gdansk launched the first of six merchant ships of the Lewant class, 1500 British registered tons. This ship was named the SS LODZ.
2. About 1 May 1950, one ship of the ore-coal class, named the SS PIERWSZEGO MAJA (First of May), was commissioned for sea duty. Immediately after the ship was commissioned, the Polish crew was ordered to leave and it was replaced by a Soviet crew, which took the ship at once on a trial run to Leningrad. About 14 days later, the PIERWSZEGO MAJA returned to Gdansk, and it is being made ready for its first trip to England. It is not known whether the original Polish crew returned to the ship.
3. It is believed that the USSR intends to requisition new Polish merchant ships of the Lewant and ore-coal classes.
4. The Polish ship M/S SOBIESKI, about 11,000 British registered tons, has been delivered to the USSR at Odessa. The ship has now been renamed GRUZJA and is in service between the Soviet ports in the Baltic Sea.

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